

COVID-19 SAFE PRACTICES: REOPENING GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL EVENT



This guidance is intended for an Outdoor Recreational Event hosted on the Navajo Nation. An outdoor recreational event refers to events with larger groups of people, such as walks, runs, bicycle races, motorcycle rides, rodeos, trail rides, and other similar events. Powwows and song and dance are considered traditional ceremonies. For tent revivals, refer to COVID-19 Safe Practices Re-Opening Guidelines for Religious Organizations/Places of Worship.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Timeframe: one day
- Setting: outdoors
 - If necessary, an area covered with an open canopy for shade is permitted.
- Ensure adequate staffing to support mitigation measures for all attendees.
- Adhere to maximum occupancy limits per the current Navajo Nation Public Health Emergency Order (NN PHEO) and Navajo Nation Executive Order.
 - Walks, run, and bicycle races should not have spectators.
 - Motorcycle rides are pursuant to NN PHEO gathering limits.
 - Occupancy for rodeos includes staff, volunteers, participants, and spectators.
- Rodeos only, when applicable, provide ample seating or viewing areas. Adjust seating capacity and stagger seating to meet occupancy guidelines.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Clearly communicate steps to be taken before, during, and after the event to ensure that participants, staff, and volunteers are aware of safety protocols.

It is strongly recommended that those who attend or participate, including staff and volunteers:

- if eligible, have been fully or partially vaccinated, or
- are not currently required to isolate or quarantine due to a COVID exposure or positive test result, and
- are not currently sick and/or experiencing COVID symptoms.

Those recently tested for COVID and still waiting on results should not attend until those results are final and “negative”.

FOLLOWING BASIC COVID-19 SAFE PRACTICES

- Practice the three W's
 - Wear a Mask: Mask wearing is recommended except when eating and drinking. Disposable masks may be made available for attendees.
 - Wash Hands: Hand sanitizer or hand washing stations must be provided, convenient, and accessible to staff, volunteers, and attendees.
 - Watch Your Distance: Keep 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.
- Stay home when sick or having symptoms of COVID-19.
- Do not touch your face, eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Create a plan of action when a staff member, volunteer and/or attendee is sick. The plan should include:
 - identifying an area to separate anyone who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 during the event, and
 - reporting all COVID-19 cases to local health care facility, and to the HCOC COVID-19 Report Exposure Portal. For questions about reporting cases, call the Health Command Operations Center at (928) 871-7014.

SIGNAGE

- Post signage prohibiting anyone who is sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms from entering the space.
- Post signage to practice physical distancing and wash hands or use hand sanitizer often.
- Post signage on properly wearing a mask.

SCREENING

- All attendees of an event may pre-register to avoid onsite registration.
 - Onsite registration is allowable for those individuals attending in person if the host does not have the capability to set up pre-registration options.
- Participants and attendees: conduct screening for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival.
- Staff and volunteers: conduct screening for COVID-19 symptoms at the start of each daily shift.
 - Highly recommend performing temperature checks for staff and volunteers if equipment is available.
- If possible, send a reminder to participants prior to the event to stay home if sick.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Avoid grouping; dividing participants into smaller groups is recommended along with staggering start and end times.
 - Example: in races, groups are divided into 'numbered corrals' with different time intervals. Such as, corral 1 starts race at 9 am, corral 2 starts race at 9:15 am.
 - Attendees who live in the same home may remain together, closer than 6 feet, within one single "family pod." Other attendees must maintain 6 or more feet of distance.
- Restrict common areas where people are likely to congregate and interact.
- Encourage safe greeting practices to maintain physical distancing. Participants should avoid direct contact such as handshakes and hugs with others who are not from their household.

- If using a canopy, use physical guides to maintain 6 feet physical distancing inside of the canopy.
- Where lines form, use signage and floor decals to maintain 6 feet physical distancing.

FOOD OR DRINKS

- Participants may bring their own snacks and drinks, but if food and drinks are provided, the following is recommended:
 - o Eat meals and snacks outdoors or in well ventilated spaces while maintaining physical distancing,
 - o Use single-use disposable plates, cups, utensils, and prepackaged condiments, and
 - o Limit crowding where the food is served.
 - o After the event, prepackaged (to-go) food and drinks can be distributed to participants.
- If food vendors will be present, refer to COVID-19 Safe Practices Reopening Guidelines Temporary Vendor and Food Stands guidance.

CLEANING AND WORKER SAFETY

- Intensify cleaning and disinfection through implementation of daily protocols.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and any areas after they are touched or used, such as seats, doorknobs, tables, restrooms, etc.
- Sanitize equipment before and after use.
- Arrange for online payment for any fees, electronic entry forms, and contactless scanning of tickets.
- Materials, such as awards, trophies and/or race medals, must be distributed contactless (e.g., in an accessible stack) or by a person wearing a mask.

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RESOURCES

- Guidance for Organizing Large Events and Gatherings, link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>